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Memorandum for: The Director

1. It is recommended that the Director sign the attached letter to Senator Hennings, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. The letter has been cleared by the Inspector General, the office of Security and the office of the General Counsel.

2. Identical inquiries were sent by Senator Hennings to all Federal agencies. Although the charter of the Subcommittee is broader, I believe that these inquiries are intended to provide a basis for Senate action on possible legislation to amend statutes related to the withholding by Executive agencies of non-security information. According to press reports, Senator Hennings is planning to introduce a bill this session which is designed to open to the public records for which neither law nor military necessity require secrecy. It is for this reason that I have set forth in the beginning of this letter the statutory authorities under which we operate on matters affecting the release of information.

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Legislative Counsel

Attachment

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